<u>**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**</u>

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-50 in the application. In previous responses, the Applicants amended Claims 1, 3-4, 8-10, 21, 28, 30, 39, 41, 45 and 49-50 and added Claims 51-52. In the present response, the Applicants have amended Claims 1- 2 and 21-22. No claims have been canceled. Accordingly, Claims 1-52 are currently pending in the application.

I.   Comment on Claims 51-52

The Applicants do not find where Claims 51-52 have been rejected by the Examiner. However, the Applicants also do not find any indication from the Examiner that Claims 51-52 have been allowed. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to address the status of Claims 51-52. In the meantime, the Applicants will argue for the patentability of Claims 51-52.

II.   Rejection of Claims 1-52 under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-52 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,112,183 to Swanson, *et al.* (Swanson). The Applicants respectfully disagree since Swanson does not teach or suggest a data processing system implemented method for managing data of an enterprise network that includes a plurality of ancillary systems and an enterprise data processing system as recited in independent Claims 1 and 21, or the enterprise data processing system as recited in independent Claim 41.

Swanson provides an interface to retrieve health care transaction information and, more, specifically, is directed to processing health care transactions through a common interface in a distributed computing environment. (*See* column 1, lines 8-12 and the Abstract.) Swanson teaches

the distributed environment includes networked systems 12 having servers and subsystems. (*See* column 3, lines 38-44, column 4, lines 42-56 and Figures 1A, 1B and 2.) A communication interface 22 provides a mechanism for communication in the networked systems 12. (*See* column 4, lines 18-19.)

The Examiner argues that a server and a subsystem of Swanson correspond to the data processing system and the ancillary system as recited in independent Claims 1, 21 and 41. (*See* Examiner's Action, page 2.) The Examiner agrees that Swanson does not explicitly teach determining if data stored in an ancillary system is conducive to being processed into a value of a data item as recited in independent Claims 1, 21 and 41. The Examiner further argues, however, that Swanson suggest determining conduciveness to being processed into a value since Swanson teaches a server returns a value corresponding to input parameters. (*See* Examiner's Action, page 5.)

Simply returning a value corresponding to input parameters, however, does not suggest determining conduciveness of data to being processed into the value. On the contrary, Swanson teaches that a value is returned based on determining if the input parameters are satisfied. (*See* column 5, line 66 to column 6, line 6 and column 7, lines 8-14.) Accordingly, Swanson suggests that even if a value is not conducive to being processed but satisfies the input parameters, then the value will be returned. Swanson, therefore, suggests that no determination of conduciveness to processing is needed when returning a value. Thus, even assuming that Swanson teaches an ancillary system and a data processing system as claimed, Swanson does not teach or suggest determining if data stored in the ancillary system is conducive to being processed into a value of a data item as recited in independent Claims 1, 21 and 41.

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Furthermore, regarding independent Claims 1 and 21, Swanson does not teach or suggest that

data for the value of a data item is stored in an ancillary system and a data processing system as recited in independent Claims 1 and 21. Once again assuming that the server and the subsystems are the data processing system and the ancillary system of the claimed invention, Swanson simply teaches that a request for service from a server is made and the appropriate server provides the information for the request. (*See* column 5, lines 61-62 and column 6, lines 21-31.) The Examiner appears to assert that the request and the information correspond to the data stored in two different systems, the ancillary system and the data processing system, as recited in Claims 1 and 21. The request, however, is not data for a value of a data item as recited in amended Claims 1 and 21 but a request for information for the value. Additionally, the Applicants do not find any other teaching or suggestion in Swanson of data for a value stored in two different systems. Accordingly, Swanson does not teach or suggest that data for the value of a data item is stored in an ancillary system and a data processing system as recited in amended independent Claims 1 and 21.

In summary, for at least the reasons stated above, Swanson fails to teach or suggest the invention recited in independent Claims 1, 21 and 41 and Claims dependent thereon. Claims 1-52, therefore, are not obvious in view of Swanson. Thus, Claims 1-52 are not unpatentable in view of Swanson. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of Claims 1-52 and allow issuance thereof.

Furthermore, specifically addressing dependent Claim 5, Swanson provides no teaching or suggestion wherein the data stored in the ancillary system is more current than the data stored in the data processing system. On the contrary, the Applicants do not find where Swanson even teaches

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that data for a value of a data item may be stored in at least two different locations. Accordingly, Swanson provides no teaching or suggestion that data for a value of a data item that is stored in two systems is more current in one system than in the other system. Accordingly, Swanson does not teach or suggest the data stored in the ancillary system is more current than the data stored in the data processing system as recited in dependent Claim 5.
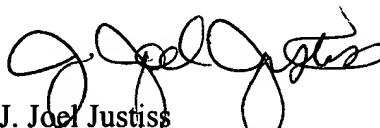
III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicants now see all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-52.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

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